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end through which the contents are discharged; the improvement comprising, at least two connectors between said liner and bag and each connecting said liner to said bag, said connectors being spaced apart and each located adjacent a sidewall portion of said bag and adjacent the one end of said bag and liner having the discharge openings therethrough, each of said connectors [comprise] having a first tab connected to said bag and having a hole therethrough, a second tab connected to said liner and having a hole therethrough, and a fastener received in both of said holes of said first and second tabs and constructed and arranged to releasably connect the tabs together so that the liner can be disconnected and removed from the bag, and all of said connectors being constructed, arranged, located and connected to said liner such that said liner is not withdrawn from said bag and can collapse upon itself during discharge of the contents thereof independently of and without being substantially restricted by said bag from collapsing, whereby the contents of said bag and liner are discharged through said openings without the liner being withdrawn from said bag by such discharge.

10. (Amended)

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[The combination bag and liner of claim 1 wherein] In combination with a flexible and collapsible bulk bag having a sidewall, ends and an opening adjacent one end to the exterior of the bag through which contents are discharged, and a flexible and collapsible liner received in said bag generally complimentary thereto and having a sidewall, ends and an opening adjacent one end through which the contents are discharged; the improvement comprising, at least two connectors between said liner and bag and each connecting said liner to said bag, said connectors being spaced apart and each located adjacent a sidewall portion of said bag and adjacent the one end of said bag and liner having the discharge openings therethrough, each

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of said connectors is a loop of fiber reinforced adhesive tape with its end portions adhered to said liner, and all of said connectors being constructed, arranged, located and connected to said liner such that said liner is not withdrawn from said bag and can collapse upon itself during discharge of the contents thereof independently of and without being substantially restricted by said bag from collapsing, whereby the contents of said bag and liner are discharged through said openings without the liner being withdrawn from said bag by such discharge.

11. (Amended)

The combination bag and liner of claim [1] 10 wherein each [of said connectors comprises a] loop of adhesive tape [with] has overlapped runs adhered together and end portions each adhered to a portion of said liner.

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[The combination bag and liner of claim 18 which also comprises] In combination with a flexible and collapsible bulk bag having a sidewall, ends and an opening adjacent one end to the exterior of the bag through which contents are discharged, and a flexible and collapsible liner received in said bag generally complimentary thereto and having a sidewall, ends and an opening adjacent one end through which the contents are discharged; the improvement comprising, at least two connectors between said liner and bag and each connecting said liner to said bag, said connectors being spaced apart and each located adjacent a sidewall portion of said bag and adjacent the one end of said bag and liner having the discharge openings threthrough, a discharge spout of said bag at least in part defining said discharge opening of said bag, a discharge spout of said liner defining at least in part said discharge opening of said liner and being extendable into said discharge spout of said bag, a connector located generally upstream of and adjacent to said discharge liner spout and permanently connecting said bag and

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liner together upstream of said spout of said discharge liner,
and all of said connectors being constructed, arranged, located
and connected to said liner such that said liner is not withdrawn
from said bag and can collapse upon itself during discharge of
the contents thereof independently of and without being
substantially restricted by said bag from collapsing, whereby
the contents of said bag and liner are discharged through said
openings without the liner being withdrawn from said bag by
such discharge.

Examiner's note In Claim 22, line ¹~~21~~, delete "18" and insert -- 19 --